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Ike Appoints Chief of CIA To Fight Soviet Propaganda

WASHINGTON — (P) — President Eisenhower yesterday picked Arthur Larson, now chief of the U. S. Information Agency, to be presidential aide for countering Soviet propaganda efforts on projects, such as the Russian satellite.

At the same time, the White House announced Eisenhower's selection of George V. Allen, now ambassador to Greece, to succeed Larson as director of the information agency.

No date has been set for the switch, but James C. Hagerty, White House press secretary, said it probably will occur soon.

At a news conference a reporter told Hagerty there has been some criticism of the administration for failing, as the newsman put it, to recognize how much propaganda capital Rus-

sia is reaping from the launching of its baby moon.

Asked whether Larson is being named to help counteract Soviet propaganda on such projects, Hagerty replied he felt it would be fair to say that is correct. He said that will be Larson's job "among other things."

Hagerty said that Eisenhower for some time has been discussing the idea of creating the job being given to Larson. The press secretary said specifically that it was no spur of the moment decision resulting entirely from Soviet launching of an earth satellite.